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1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: ON JANUARY 28, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR
HICKS, AF/E DIRECTOR DAVID SHINN BRIEFED PRESIDENT MELES
ON OPERATION "UNITED SHIELD," NOTING THAT THE SOMALI
FACTION LEADERS WITH WHOM THE U.S./UNOSOM REPRESENTATIVES
HAD MET JANUARY 26 HAD PLEDGED NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE
UNOSOM WITHDRAWAL. [REDACTED] SHINN BELIEVED THAT
SUCH FIGHTING AS OCCURRED IN THE WAKE OF THE WITHDRAWAL
WOULD BE CENTERED IN MOGADISHU, PARTICULARLY THE AIRPORT
AND SEAPORT AREAS, AND THAT OTHER REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY
SHOULD BE RATHER CALM. SHINN STRESSED THAT THE U.S. AND
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WERE NOT ABANDONING SOMALIA.
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY WOULD CONTINUE
CONTINGENT UPON THE SECURITY SITUATION. [REDACTED]

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4. TURNING TO RWANDA, AFTER COMPLIMENTING MELES ON THE PROFESSIONALISM AND DISCIPLINE OF ETHIOPIAN FORCES IN UNAMIR, [REDACTED]

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6. LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 28, PRESIDENT MELES MET WITH AF/E DIRECTOR DAVID SHINN AND AMBASSADOR HICKS TO DISCUSS THE UNOSOM WITHDRAWAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN SOMALIA, THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN SUDAN, PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS IN RWANDA AND THE GREATER HORN OF AFRICA INITIATIVE (GHAI).

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7. SHINN BRIEFED PRESIDENT MELES ON OPERATION "UNITED SHIELD" AND THE JOINT U.S./UNOSOM MEETINGS WITH FACTION LEADERS IN MOGADISHU ON JANUARY 26. HE STRESSED THAT THE

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U.S. TROOP PRESENCE WOULD BE VERY SHORT-TERM AND, TO THE
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IBLE, OF LOW VISIBILITY. HE NOTED THAT THE
U.S./UNOSOM GROUP HAD SPOKEN WITH ALL OF THE KEY SOMALI
FACTION LEADERS EXCEPT KANYARE, AND THAT ALL HAD PROMISED
NOT TO INTERFERE IN THE UNOSOM WITHDRAWAL, ALTHOUGH
AIDEED HAD HEWN TO HIS LONG-STANDING POSITION THAT U.S.
FORCES SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED AND WERE NOT
NECESSARY TO SECURE THE WITHDRAWAL. SHINN SAID HE HAD
EMPHASIZED TO THE SOMALIS THAT THE U.S. WAS NOT
ABANDONING SOMALIA: WE HAD A USDOLS 32-33 MILLION PROGRAM
THAT WOULD CONTINUE TO THE EXTENT THAT SECURITY
CONDITIONS INSIDE THE COUNTRY PERMITTED. MOREOVER, WE
ARE ENCOURAGING OTHER DONORS, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
AND NGOS TO PROCEED WITH THEIR OPERATIONS. ALTHOUGH
MANY AID AGENCIES WERE WITHDRAWING TO NAIROBI BEFORE THE
FINAL UNOSOM PULL-OUT, THEY WOULD BE BACK WITHIN A WEEK
IF THE SECURITY SITUATION ALLOWED. IN SUM, SAID SHINN,
WE THINK THE WITHDRAWAL SHOULD GO FAIRLY SMOOTHLY, BUT
THERE ARE CRITICAL POINTS, NAMELY THE AIRPORT AND
SEAPORT, WHERE THE FACTIONS WILL PROBABLY FIGHT FOR

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CONTROL. HE ADDED THAT WE SEE MOST OF THE FIGHTING BEING
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LIMITED TO MOGADISHU; OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY SHOULD
STAY FAIRLY CALM.

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SHINN SAID IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT U.S./UNOSOM
REPRESENTATIVES HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO MEET KANYARE DURING
THE JANUARY 26 ROUND OF TALKS, BUT THAT AMBASSADOR
SIMPSON AND GENERAL ZINNI WOULD BE SEEKING CONTACT WITH
HIM AGAIN ONCE THEY ARE OFFSHORE WITH THE "UNITED SHIELD"
TASK FORCE.

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SAID THAT THE NORTHERN OPPOSITION IN SUDAN SEEMED LARGELY TO BE COMPOSED OF "ARMCHAIR POLITICIANS" WHO LACKED THE EXPERIENCE AND INCLINATION TO GET ACTIVE ON THE GROUND. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THERE WAS SOME DOUBT HOW FAR THE OPPOSITION WOULD GO TO ACCOMMODATE SOUTHERN DESIRES FOR POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS AUTONOMY, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE FACT THAT, WHEN IN POWER PREVIOUSLY, SOME OF THESE OPPOSITION PERSONALITIES DID NOT SHIRK FROM PROSECUTING THE WAR AGAINST THE SOUTH.

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12. SHINN ASKED MELES WHERE ETHIOPIA CURRENTLY STOOD ON THE IGADD INITIATIVE.

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SHINN TOLD MELES THAT IT WOULD NOT BE EASY TO PERSUADE THE UNSC TO TAKE ON THE IGADD INITIATIVE. CHINA, IN PARTICULAR, WOULD BE DIFFICULT IN THIS RESPECT. SHINN BRIEFED PRESIDENT MELES ON THE "FRIENDS OF IGADD" INITIATIVE, EMPHASIZING THAT THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY AND CANADA HAD AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INITIAL MEETING IN THE HAGUE. MELES DID NOT COMMENT.

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13. REFERRING TO COMMENTS HE HAD HEARD BY PM DAS FRANCES
COOK, WHO HAD VISITED ALL BUT ONE OF THE AFRICAN
CONTINGENTS IN RWANDA, SHINN TOLD MELES THAT THE
ETHIOPIAN BATTALION WITH UNAMIR HAS THE BEST REPUTATION
FOR PROFESSIONALISM AND DISCIPLINE OF ANY OF THEM. HE
EXPRESSED STRONGLY THE U.S. HOPE THAT ETHIOPIAN TROOPS
WILL STAY ON IN RWANDA.

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[REDACTED] SHINN OBSERVED THE DIFFICULTY 1.4(B), 1.4(D)
OF DRAWING HARD AND FAST DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN THOSE
GUILTY OF CRIMES AND THE GENERAL POPULATION. SHINN SAID
HE HAD HEARD THAT, IN REFUGEE CAMPS IN TANZANIA, PERHAPS
AS MANY AS FIFTY PERCENT OF THE 600,000 PEOPLE WERE
SOMEHOW IMPLICATED IN THE KILLINGS IN RWANDA. WHERE DOES

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ONE DRAW THE LINE TO FOCUS "ON THE REALLY BAD GUYS," HE
ASKED.

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16. ASKED BY SHINN IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER ISSUES HE
WANTED TO DISCUSS OR MESSAGES HE WANTED TAKEN BACK TO
WASHINGTON, MELES MENTIONED THE GREATER HORN OF AFRICA
INITIATIVE (GHAI).

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17. ASMARA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. HICKS

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